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SUBJECT: CDU AND CSU PRESENT VIEWS ON DEFENSE

1. SUMMARY: NEARLY 2,000 DELEGATES ATTENDED CDU/CSU NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY (WEHRPOLITSCHER) CONGRESS IN MUNICH JULY 3. THE MOST INTERESTING ADDRESSES WERE DELIVERED BY CDU/CSU CHANCELLOR CANDIDATE KOHL, WHO SAID WEST MUST BE PREPARED FOR IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION WHILE AT SAME TIME DEMONSTRATING ITS ABILITY TO SECURE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER, AND CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS, WHO CALLED ON WEST TO DEVELOP ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILITARY STRENGTH TO POINT WHERE IT WILL BECOME HAZARDOUS

FOR USSR TO INDULGE IN MILITARY THREATS. KOHL ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS ONLY COUNTRY IN WEST POSSESSING ALL STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. KOHL ON NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY - IN HARD-HITTING KEYNOTE SPEECH, KOHL CALLED ON WEST TO RECOGNIZE IT MUST AGAIN BE PREPARED FOR IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION WITH USSR AND ITS ALLIES, AND TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY TO SECURE THE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER. SOVIETS WILL BE PREPARED FOR A MEASURE OF ARMS REDUCTION ONLY IF THEY REALIZE THAT WEST IS ABLE TO SURPASS WHATEVER ARMS PRODUCTION EFFORTS THEY (SOVIETS) UNDERTAKE. KOHL SAW GOALS OF USSR EUROPEAN POLICY AS FOLLOWS: FINALIZE RESULTS OF WWII; REDUCE, IF NOT ELIMINATE, US ROLE IN EUROPE; BRAKE, IF NOT REVERSE, EXPANSION OF EC; UTILIZE WEST'S KNOW-HOW TO INCREASE ITS OWN MILITARY STRENGTH; EASE ITS POSITION IN EUROPE TO GIVE IT MORE SCOPE FOR INFLUENCING ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS; AND SOOTHE WESTERN FEARS ABOUT GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER.

3. KOHL ON SOUTH AFRICA - KOHL URGED WEST, WHILE MAINTAINING GREAT DISTANCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES, NOT RPT NOT TO SIMPLY DISCARD SOUTH AFRICA "LIKE AN OLD HAT." SOUTH AFRICA IS ONLY COUNTRY IN WEST WHICH HAS ALL THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS POSSESSED BY USSR. "IF SOUTH AFRICA BECOMES COMMUNIST, SOVIETS WILL HAVE WORLD MONOPOLY AND WEST WILL BE FINISHED," SAID KOHL.

4. STRAUSS SPEECH - IN SHORT OPENING ADDRESS, STRAUSS TERMED "DETENTE EMPHASIS" THE GREATEST DANGER TO THE WEST. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT CONTINUOUS GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY POTENTIAL, WHICH IS USED AS MEANS OF PRESSURE AND EXTORTION, AND CALLED ON WEST TO DEVELOP ITS STRENGTH TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT MILITARY THREATS BECOME HAZARDOUS FOR USSR. TURNING TO FRG'S RELATIONS WITH EE STATES, STRAUSS REITERATED LONGSTANDING THEME THAT RECONCILIATION OF GERMANS WITH PEOPLES OF EE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED LONG AGO IF EE GOVERNMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD NOT CONTINUED TO DENOUNCE GERMANS. HE PLEDGED CUS TO STRUGGLE BY PEACEFUL MEANS FOR FREEDOM OF CZECHS, SLOVAKS AND POLES.

5. EAST-WEST TRADE - AFTER SAYING HE FAVORED E-W TRADE, STRAUSS CRITICIZED EXTENSION BY WEST OF TRADE PREFERENCES AND LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO USSR AND ALLIES ON GROUND THAT THIS ENABLES THEM TO DEVOTE MUCH OF

THEIR GNP'S TO ARMS PRODUCTION. KOHL TOOK VERY SIMILAR POSITION ON E-W TRADE.

6. CDU/CSU DEFENSE PLATFORM - CONGRESS APPROVED CDU/CSU ELECTION PLATFORM ON DEFENSE POLICY. PLATFORM CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING OF NATO POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY, INCREASING CONVENTIONAL COMBAT STRENGTH OF BUNDESWEHR, AND IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSE COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

7. COMMENT: DELEGATES RECEIVED KOHL ADDRESS ENTHUSIASTICALLY. TWO PRC NEWSMEN ATTENDING CONGRESS DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WHEN KOHL QUOTED A CHINESE OF 2,000 YEARS AGO AS SAYING IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY'S MILITARY AND POLITICAL STRATEGY. BETTS

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